Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Has any member of this House belonging to the Scheduled Castes expressed a desire to serve on the Public Service Commission ?

(No Answer.)

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What should we do to make you think that a Depressed Class Member is necessary on the Public Service Commission ? (*Laughter.*)

(No reply.)

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1 P.M.

Proposed steps for Karnatak unification.

Q.—42. Sri K. S. VASAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the steps they propose to take in the matter of Karnatak unification ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

They propose to consult the Legislature at the appropriate time.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—What is the attitude of this Government to the issue of linguistic provinces and unification of Karnataka ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The Government have not come to any opinion in the matter.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not proper now to consider this issue and take a definite stand ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is why I have said that we propose to consult the Legislature at the appropriate time.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Have this Government represented to the Centre for merging all the Kannada speaking territory contiguous to Mysore with it as a first step towards the unification of Karnataka ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The Government of Mysore have made no such representation to the Government of India.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Are not the Government aware of a kind of agitation among the people on this issue ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The next question which relates to the same subject may also be taken up.

Opinions expressed by the Chief Minister on unification of Karnataka.

Q.—60. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Chief Minister visited recently Mangalore, Coorg and other parts of the Karnataka areas of Bombay and Madras States ;

(*b*) the object of his visit to those areas ;

(*c*) whether he has given an opinion in favour of the unification of Karnataka as the opinion of the Mysore Government and that of the people of the State of Mysore ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The Chief Minister of Mysore visited parts of Coorg State and South Canara District.

(*b*) On invitation as also to discuss outstanding question between the Mysore Government and the Coorg Government, and the Supply of power to South Kanara District and to inaugurate the 43rd Madras State Educational Conference.

(*c*) Chief Minister has expressed his personal opinion.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have stated that you have expressed your personal opinion. May I know how to demarcate between your personal opinion and the official opinion ? Can you make a statement as Chief Minister of Mysore ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I do not know whether it is a question which wants information.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know whether it is true that the Chief Minister has made a statement in favour of unification of Karnataka? You have said that it is your personal opinion and I want to know how are we to draw a line of demarcation between your personal opinion and official opinion when the Chief Minister makes a statement.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I am here to give information and not to pull out any member out of the difficulties into which he is put.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has the Chief Minister made a statement that the Government of Mysore or the people of Mysore do not stand in the way of unification of Karnataka at any time so far ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is true.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—If it is true, was the matter discussed at the Cabinet level ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have already answered the question.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Were the views of this House ascertained before you made a statement like that ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It will be ascertained at the appropriate time, as I have already said.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have said that you made a statement that the Government of Mysore or the people of Mysore do not come in the way of Unification of Karnataka. That is what you said. Before you made that statement, did you ascertain the views of the Members of this House ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—There are various ways of ascertaining the public opinion. One of them is to formally discuss the matter with the leaders and come to a decision. I may suppose that I am in touch with public opinion.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—I want to know whether the Chief Minister followed any of these methods to ascertain the view of the Members of this House or the people of the State of Mysore before making such a statement ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have answered that.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that majority of the Members of this House sent a representation to the Prime Minister of India that the questoin of linguistic province should not be precipitated and *status quo* in Mysore should be continued ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That representation was not sent through me.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Was it referred back to you, to the Mysore State, by the Prime Minister of India ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—May be, the Prime Minister has not taken serious note of it; therefore, he did not send it to me.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that the State of Mysore is a multi-lingual State ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is a matter of opinion.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—What is your particular opinion ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Whatever is the opinion of the Hon'ble Member it is also my opinion.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—I say it is a bi-lingual State. Will you accept it ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Linga Reddy is yet on his feet and putting questions.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—There is agitation in the State that Karnataka Unification should take place immediately and all that. Are the Government aware that there is equally a strong agitation in the State that *status quo* should be continued ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—These are all matters of opinion on which the Government are not able to furnish an opinion. This is question hour. I am prepared to furnish information and not opinion.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that the adjoining areas of the State in question are more a liability than an asset?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is again a matter of opinion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is a Bill coming up for discussion and then you can think of these things.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—What were the methods followed by the Chief Minister in coming to the conclusion that the people of Mysore and the Government of Mysore are in favour of Unification of Karnataka?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is not a question for information.

Mr. SPEAKER.—One of the methods he has mentioned.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Has the Chief Minister consulted the Cabinet at least on this question?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Cabinet matters are secret.

Proposed action to get Kannada-speaking areas of Andhra to Mysore.

Q.—275. Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY (Bagepalli-Gudibanda).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the action they propose to take in order to get the Kannada-speaking tracts in the proposed Andhra State added to the State of Mysore;

(*b*) whether they will be willing to concede to the Andhra State the Telugu-speaking tracts within the State?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The draft bill received from the Government of India is being placed before the Legislature.

(*b*) There is no such issue.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—With reference to question (*b*) the Chief Minister has answered that there is no such issue. I would like to ask him what exactly he means by that. I had made a representation last time and brought up a resolution to the effect that we want the contiguous telugu-speaking tracts should go to Andhra.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You are making a statement but not putting a question to seek information. The Hon'ble Member may put it in the form of a question.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—You know that there is agitation. Perhaps you don't want that Potti Sriramulu affair, or Bezwada, Kakinada or Bellary affair should be repeated in Mysore?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I do not want, Sir.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—In that case, do you know there is agitation now for contiguous Telugu-speaking tracts to go to Andhra?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I am not aware of it.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Were you not here when I myself made a statement on the subject?

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—And then he withdrew it also.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Only I was thinking that he would not go the way Sri Potti Sriramulu went. Therefore I said like that.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—What action have the Government of Mysore taken to get the Kannada speaking areas in the residuary Madras State of Mysore included in the State of Mysore?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Mysore Government are not taking any initiative in the matter. The Government of India is appointing shortly a Commission for the purpose and when that Commission is appointed, there will be time for us individually as well as officially to place our opinion before that Commission.